



## Prior Authorization Overview

Methods of Submitting PA Requests:

- ForwardHealth secure Portal.
- Mail.
- Fax.





### Prior Authorization via ForwardHealth Portal

#### Submission:

- 24 hours day, 7 days a week.
- · Secure Portal.
- Initial submission.
- · Limited up-front editing.
- Searching for previously submitted PA requests.
- When PA is submitted, a PA number is assigned.



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# Prior Authorization via ForwardHealth Portal (cont.)

#### Attachments:

- Portal will automatically supply the necessary documentation for the PA request.
- Providers should print a copy of the documentation for their records.
- Dental providers can upload supplemental information with their PA request.
- · Supplemental information may be mailed.
- Print and complete the cover sheet summary.
- Fax or mail cover sheet summary and all supplemental information within 30 days of PA submission.





# Prior Authorization via ForwardHealth Portal (cont.)

#### Returned Provider Review Letter:

- Letter attached to PA.
- Specifies the correction or additional information needed.
  - Supporting documentation will not be sent back to the provider.
- Corrections or additional information may be returned via the Portal.
- Response is required within 30 calendar days.
  - If no response, PA will be inactivated.
  - Provider must submit new PA.
  - Possibility of later grant date.
  - No notice of inactivated PA.



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# Prior Authorization via ForwardHealth Portal (cont.)

#### Amendment options:

- Via the secure Portal.
- Paper Prior Authorization Amendment Request by fax or mail.

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# Prior Authorization via ForwardHealth Portal (cont.)

#### **Decision Notices:**

- Copy of PA will no longer be returned to the provider.
- Providers will receive a decision notice to the address we have on the providers certification file.
- If PA was submitted via the Portal, the decision notice will be on the Portal.
- If PA was submitted via mail or fax and provider has Portal account, the decision notice will be sent to the provider's via the Portal.



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## **PA Decision Notice**







## PA Decision Notice (cont.)



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## Prior Authorization via Paper

#### Submission:

- No longer a pre-printed form.
- Can be downloaded and printed from the ForwardHealth Portal.
- PA forms and attachments have been revised.
- PA number no longer pre-printed on form. PA number will be assigned when ForwardHealth receives the PA request.
- Providers are required to use the correct version of the form.
- If incorrect version used, PA will be returned.

A ForwardHealth Update will provide time frames for use of new PA forms and attachments.





## Prior Authorization via Paper (cont.)

#### Attachments:

Mail supplemental information with the PA request.



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## Prior Authorization via Paper (cont.)

#### Returned Provider Review Letter:

- If provider has a Portal account, a Returned Review Review Letter will be sent to both on the Portal and sent via mail.
- Specifies the correction or additional information needed.
  - Supporting documentation will not be sent back to the provider.
- Corrections or additional information may be returned via the Portal or by mail
- Response is required within 30 calendar days.
  - If no response, PA will be inactivated.
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## Prior Authorization via Paper (cont.)

#### Decision Notices:

- Copy of PA will no longer be returned to the provider.
- Providers will receive a decision notice to the address we have on the provider's certification file.
- If PA was submitted via mail and the provider has a ForwardHealth Portal account the decision notice will be sent to the providers via the Portal.
- If PA was submitted via mail and the provider does not have a ForwardHealth Portal account, the decision notice will be sent back to the provider via mail.





## Prior Authorization via Fax

Same submission, attachment, Return Provider Review Letter, amendment, and Decision Notices guidelines that applied to paper PA apply to fax PA.

- Unreadable Fax
  - Provider will receive a miscellaneous return letter.



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## **Prior Authorization Status**

### PA Status Codes

- Approved.
- Approved with modifications.
- Denied.
- Returned, provider review.
- Pending, ForwardHealth review.
- Suspend, provider sending information.
- PA inactive.





## Other Prior Authorization Changes

Changes apply to both electronic and paper PA requests.

- NPI, assigned taxonomy code, and ZIP+4 must be included on PA requests (excluding non-health care providers).
- Keep copy of submitted documentation.
- ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes: use the greatest specificity.
- WCDP PA requests will be processed and adjudicated with BadgerCare Plus policy guidelines.



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### Resources

Providers of all programs will have many resources (both Web based and otherwise) to access information:

- · ForwardHealth implementation Updates.
- WiCall.
- Provider Services.
- Walk-in appointments.
- Written inquires can be submitted via mail or the Portal.
- Member Services.
- Professional Relations Representatives.
- Additional Provider Education.
- EDI Help Desk.
- · Contact Us on the Portal.
- Portal Helpdesk.
- Important Web Sites.

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